

CUMMINGS, RAYMOND

Consequently, this report should be regarded as unconfirmed & requires further inquiry - but, until such further inquiry or possible collateral corroboration, should not be totally dismissed out of hand.

MEMORANDUM

Re: THORNLEY }  
OSWALD } In Dallas  
FERRIER ✓ }

TO: JIM GARRISON  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: WILLIAM GURVICH  
SPECIAL AIDE

SUBJECT: RAYMOND CUMMINGS--INTERVIEW WITH

Pending the tape transcription of the interview with RAYMOND C. CUMMINGS in Dallas by James Alcock and William Gurvich, the following report is respectfully submitted based on notes made at the time of the interview.

RAYMOND CUMMINGS was contacted at a VFW Club on Saturday, 25 February 1967 at 9:05 P.M. where he was playing music and was interviewed outside this club. CUMMINGS works for the Power & Light Company in Dallas and is a former wrestler.

According to CUMMINGS he was driving a Yellow Cab in Dallas between January and May of 1963 during which time he recalls picking up LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the Continental Bus Station and driving him to Irving, Texas. OSWALD did not have enough money to pay the fare and told CUMMINGS this enroute to Irving. OSWALD apparently saw the tattoo on CUMMINGS' arm and said that he, too, was an ex-Marine adding that he only had \$1.50. CUMMINGS agreed to carry him to Irving and shut the meter off when it reached \$1.50. He actually shut it off at \$1.45.

CUMMINGS recalls that OSWALD was dressed rather shabbily and was carrying a canvass type handbag similar to those that servicemen carry. OSWALD was wearing a white shirt with sleeves rolled up and was hatless. CUMMINGS conveyed him to a house, the exact address of which he does not remember. OSWALD told CUMMINGS he was "down on his luck". CUMMINGS offered to go with Alcock and me to Irving in an attempt to locate this house.

We met CUMMINGS on Sunday, 26 February 1967 at 12:01 P.M. and drove him to Irving, Texas, 5 miles west of Dallas. Following CUMMINGS' direction we crisscrossed numerous streets in the section of Irving that looked familiar to CUMMINGS. Without making a positive identification CUMMINGS selected 1107 Oakdale Street and said this was more familiar than any other house he had seen with us. The name on the mail box in front of this house was L. L. BARGER. This was a small single residence of wooden construction in a low income, semi-rural neighborhood.

CUMMINGS also informed us that about one week after taking OSWALD to Irving, he picked up three men at the intersection of Marsalis and the Expressway in Dallas and conveyed them in his cab to JACK RUBY's Carousel Club. According to CUMMINGS one of these men was LEE HARVEY OSWALD, another

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Conc: I have no way to evaluate the veracity of Raymond Cummins' statement. It may be quite true - or it may be false. We actually were impressed by his apparent truthfulness in telling the story, as I recall, and by some of the details. However, when he came to New Orleans - as he had volunteered - and took the bus driver that, the investigative service would provide the fact reported, to my office that he had "taken a taxi" - my regard to authenticity of his story was somewhat lessened. I am not sure that the report of the interview was as accurate as it appears to be. I had some doubts about the accuracy of the report as it was given to me. I had some doubts about the accuracy of the report as it was given to me.



DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE and he cannot identify the third man.

He recalls that FERRIE was unusual looking. CUMMINGS identified photographs of OSWALD and FERRIE from a variety of photographs shown to him and admits having seen pictures of both OSWALD and FERRIE in the newspapers. The third man was about 6' in height and looked as if he might have been Italian.

CUMMINGS stated that trip sheets at the Yellow Cab Company would assist in corroborating his stories. He has never given this information to anyone nor has he ever been approached by anyone for information.

En route to the Carousel Club, OSWALD remembered CUMMINGS and told him he appreciated the favor he did in taking him to Irving. The three men, as CUMMINGS recalls, were talking about Louisiana. Arriving at the Carousel Club, FERRIE paid the fare and the three passengers went upstairs into the Club. CUMMINGS described FERRIE as "a spook in the night" and felt sorry for him. CUMMINGS then went upstairs into the Club himself and received \$1.50 tip from the man at the door as a gratuity for bringing customers. CUMMINGS added that this gratuity-system was not new.

In this interview CUMMINGS stated that he disliked the Dallas Police Department. He admitted having been arrested once and that was in Belton, Texas. Explaining this arrest, CUMMINGS stated his Mother was hospitalized and needed surgery and he had gone to the bank and withdrawn a large sum of money and was arrested for having a pistol in the front seat of his car which he claims he had for his own protection. CUMMINGS also remarked that he would not object to helping the FBI. CUMMINGS added he has a brother WESLEY CUMMINGS, 38 years of age, residing in Los Angeles, who might have met FERRIE in Dallas. This brother according to CUMMINGS is an alcoholic.

Without being asked, CUMMINGS said he would be willing to come to New Orleans if his fare was paid and take a Polygraph test.

RAYMOND CUMMINGS is a white male, 34 years of age and resides at 924 Robinhood, Mesquite, Texas with his wife and children. His phone number is AT-5-6912.

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SPECIAL AIDE

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ROUGH DRAFT

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TO: Jim Garrison, District Attorney  
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